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REMOTE ULTRASONIC DIAGNOSTIC EXAMINER-SIDE APPARATUS  
AND REMOTE ULTRASONIC DIAGNOSTIC SYSTEM (AS AMENDED)

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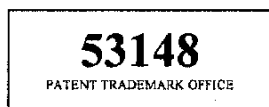
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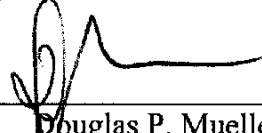
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